GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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REPORT OF HATHI COMMITTEE
C. SREENIVAASAN

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the year of formulation of the Essential Drugs List and the number of drugs it contain at present;

(b) whether the Committee has submitted its report on the essential drugs; and

(c) if so, the details of recommendations made by the Committee and accepted by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS

(SHRI SURESH P. PRABHU)

(a) The National Essential Drug List was published in the year 1996 and it contains 279 drugs for various therapeutic categories.

(b)&(c): The Hathi Committee was set up by the Ministry of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals in February, 1974 in order to go into the various aspects of Drug Industry in India. In respect of essential drugs, the Hathi Committee report drew up a list of medicines which in its opinion are extensively used in medical practice, both in urban and rural areas and suggested measures to make these essential drugs available at reasonably low price throughout the country.